

1. Economy

Good evening all and thank you to Unchain for inviting me.

I am heartened that my childlessness does not preclude me contributing tonight.

Raw materials are the primary source of the “lucky country’s” wealth.

Iron ore, wool, sheep, cattle, uranium and our garbage. All of which we export without adding value.

Annually the “**lucky country**” produces more usable iron ore than any other country but doesn’t rank in the top ten steel producers.

“**lucky country**” policies have turned Australia into the world’s biggest quarry while a Ponzi scheme operates in the housing market.

Our per capita contribution to global warming is too high.

The tax system acts as handbrake on the economy, induces resource misallocation and fails to impose the taxes and royalties it ought impose.

The Australian economy is neither strong nor diversified.

Flash Harrys routinely rip off ordinary people while politicians feign concern.

Flash Harrys left many millenials with significant debts, no qualifications and a worklife of flitting between unskilled casual jobs trying to scratch a living.

Neither “Tax relief” nor the removal of tax benefits constitutes tax reform.

They make the tax system more complex and less fair.

Recent suggestions of a death tax have been denied.

The likely translation is that the main residence CGT exemption, that applies when the owner dies, will be eliminated.

In politician speak it wouldn’t be a death tax if you only eliminated an exemption, would it?

2. Human Rights & Immigration Politics

The concepts of Human Rights & Immigration Politics compels examination of politician speak.

Each party tells the voters “we have cut immigration” as they spin the numbers.

The housing Ponzi scheme feeds on the demand created by high immigration and enriches the property developers who donate secretly and indirectly to the parties.

Australia has obligations under international human rights treaties, two of which specifically deal with the rights of children.

The politicians who dumped children in off shore detention were willfully ignorant and tarred all of us with their wilfulness.

3. Respect and Trust in Politics

Voters want to trust the parties and to respect their politicians.

The voters want integrity, vision, judgment, class and debates on the merits of ideas coupled with bipartisanship.

21 years ago this electorate welcomed a candidate since involved in a conga line of scandals.

The party and the pre-selection committee treated us with contempt as they forced this candidate on us 6 more times while his primary vote dropped from 44.1% to 27%.

Has the party and the pre-selection committee stopped getting it wrong?

The Macnamara voters have had enough of politicians who cheat and branch stack.

The Macnamara voters have had enough of scandalous conduct and puerile verbal abuse.

Neither major party has earned the right to majority government.

The Macnamara voters will trust the candidate who puts the country first, the voters second, their party third and themselves last.

And will respect the candidate who acts with grace and class.

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